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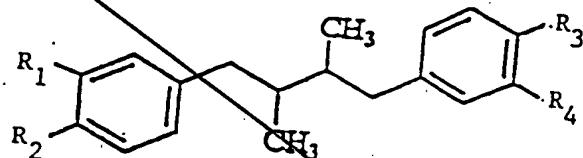
Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued June 8, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice and enter the following claims:

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~~5. A method for suppressing viral growth in a host which comprises~~
administering to the host an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Acorded:
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each selected from the group consisting of HO--, CH₃

O-- and CH₃ (C=O)O--, provided that R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are not each HO--

simultaneously, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

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6. The method of claim ~~5~~ wherein said compound is water-soluble.

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